IN THE CLAIMS

The claims are as follows:

- 1-2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Previously Presented) A method comprising: providing a blank photo-grade sheet; attaching a mounting strip along an edge of the blank photo-grade sheet; sending the blank photo-grade sheet and attached mounting strip through a printer to print a photographic image on the photo-grade sheet; and mounting the printed sheet in an album using the mounting strip.
- 4 (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein providing a blank photo sheet includes providing a sheet including a cotton rag paper material.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein providing a blank photo sheet includes providing a sheet including an uncoated, unbleached paper.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein providing a blank photo sheet includes providing a sheet including a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the blank photo sheet and attached mounting strip though the printer to print an image on the sheet includes printing an image such that the image becomes integral with the paper.
- 8 (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein sending the blank photo sheet and attached mounting strip though the printer to print an image on the sheet includes sending the sheet and attached mounting strip through a desktop digital printer.

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 (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein mounting the printed sheet in an album includes mounting the sheet using mounting holes in the mounting strip.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of providing a ready-to-bind photo sheet, the method comprising:

providing a blank photo-printable, photo-grade sheet having a hinge strip mounted along an edge of the photo-grade sheet, the hinge strip including a mounting portion for mounting the hinge strip to an album, wherein the blank photo-printable, photo-grade sheet and the hinge strip are dimensioned to go through a desktop printer together; and

sending the blank photo-printable, photo-grade sheet with the hinge strip through a desktop printer to print a photographic image upon the sheet.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising binding the printed sheet in an album using the mounting portion of the hinge strip.

 (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the mounting portion includes mounting holes.

 (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the blank photo-printable sheet includes a 100% cotton fiber, acid-free paper.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the hinge strip includes an acid-free hinge strip.

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